

# BLM BURLEY ADMINISTRATION SITE (PWS 5160004) SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT

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## Executive Summary

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the designated assessment area, sensitivity factors associated with the wells, and aquifer characteristics.

This report, *Source Water Assessment for the BLM Burley Administration Site, Burley, Idaho* describes the public drinking water system, the boundaries of the zones of water contribution, and the associated potential contaminant sources located within these boundaries. This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this source. **The results should not be used as an absolute measure of risk and they should not be used to undermine public confidence in the water system.**

Final susceptibility scores are derived from equally weighting system construction scores, hydrologic sensitivity scores, and potential contaminant/land use scores. Therefore, a low rating in one or two categories coupled with a higher rating in other categories results in a final rating of low, moderate, or high susceptibility. With the potential contaminants associated with most urban and heavily agricultural areas, the best score a well can get is moderate. Potential contaminants are divided into four categories, inorganic contaminants (IOCs, i.e. nitrates, arsenic), volatile organic contaminants (VOCs, i.e. petroleum products), synthetic organic contaminants (SOCs, i.e. pesticides), and microbial contaminants (i.e. bacteria). As different wells can be subject to various contamination settings, separate scores are given for each type of contaminant.

The BLM Burley Administration Site drinking water system (PWS 5160004) consists of one ground water well source. The well has an automatic rating of high susceptibility to IOCs and microbial contaminants due to potential contaminants associated with an adjoining field 10 feet from the well. The well rates moderate susceptibility to VOCs and SOCs, despite being close to the parking lot and administration building, because the well has been equipped with a sanitary cap approximately 24 inches above grade and the well has an adequate surface seal. Except for the well being located close to an agricultural field, the low score for hydrologic sensitivity would have caused a moderate rating for IOCs and microbials.

The only IOCs detected in the sampled water have been barium, chromium, fluoride, and nitrate. Nitrate levels have varied from 5.6 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 8.1 mg/L. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate is 10 mg/L. Total coliform bacteria have been detected in the distribution system and at the wellhead in 1993, but there have been no further repeat detections in the system. No VOCs or SOCs have been detected in the well.

This assessment should be used as a basis for determining appropriate new protection measures or re-evaluating existing protection efforts. No matter what ranking a source receives, protection is always important. Whether the source is currently located in a “pristine” area or an area with numerous industrial and/or agricultural land uses that require surveillance, the way to ensure good water quality in the future is to act now to protect valuable water supply resources. If the system should need to expand in the future, new well sites should be located in areas with as few potential sources of contamination as possible, and the site should be reserved and protected for this specific use.

For the BLM Burley Administration Site, drinking water protection activities should first focus on protecting the wellhead and surface seal from contamination sources associated with the nearby agricultural field. The BLM Burley Administration Site should maintain the ultraviolet light device treatment system to prevent microbial contamination from becoming an issue. Any spills from the potential contaminant sources listed in Table 1 should be carefully monitored, as should any future development in the delineated areas. The BLM Burley Administration Site should be aware of the levels of nitrate in their water as they are approaching the MCL. Currently, there is a slight upward trend in nitrate data (72% statistical confidence). Other practices aimed at reducing the leaching of agricultural chemicals from agricultural land within the designated source water areas should be implemented. Most of the designated areas are outside the direct jurisdiction of the BLM Burley Administration Site. Partnerships with state and local agencies and industry groups should be established and are critical to success.

Due to the time involved with the movement of ground water, drinking water protection activities should be aimed at long-term management strategies even though these strategies may not yield results in the near term. A strong public education program should be a primary focus of any drinking water protection plan because the delineations show large areas of urban land use. Public education topics could include proper lawn and garden care practices, household hazardous waste disposal methods, proper care and maintenance of septic systems, and the importance of water conservation to name but a few. There are multiple resources available to help communities implement protection programs, including the Drinking Water Academy of the EPA. Many transportation corridors transect the delineations. Therefore, the Department of Transportation should be included in protection activities. Drinking water protection activities for agriculture should be coordinated with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Soil Conservation Commission, the local Soil Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

A community with a fully developed drinking water protection program will incorporate many strategies, and are regulatory in nature (i.e. zoning, permitting) or non-regulatory in nature (i.e. good housekeeping, public education, specific best management practices). For assistance in developing protection strategies please contact the Twin Falls Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality or the Idaho Rural Water Association.

# **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FOR THE BLM BURLEY ADMINISTRATION SITE, BURLEY, IDAHO**

## **Section 1. Introduction - Basis for Assessment**

The following sections contain information necessary to understand how and why this assessment was conducted. **It is important to review this information to understand what the ranking of this source means.** A map showing the delineated source water assessment area and the inventory of significant potential sources of contamination identified within that area are attached. The list of significant potential contaminant source categories and their rankings, used to develop this assessment, is also attached.

### **Level of Accuracy and Purpose of the Assessment**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess the over 2,900 public drinking water sources in Idaho for their relative susceptibility to contaminants regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the delineated assessment area, sensitivity factors associated with the wells, and aquifer characteristics. All assessments must be completed by May of 2003. The resources and time available to accomplish assessments are limited. Therefore, an in-depth, site-specific investigation to identify each significant potential source of contamination for every public water system is not possible. **This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this source. The results should not be used as an absolute measure of risk and they should not be used to undermine public confidence in the water system.**

The ultimate goal of this assessment is to provide data to local communities to develop a protection strategy for their drinking water supply system. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recognizes that pollution prevention activities generally require less time and money to implement than treating a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. DEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The decision as to the amount and types of information necessary to develop a drinking water protection program should be determined by the local community based on its own needs and limitations. Drinking water protection is one facet of a comprehensive growth plan, and it can complement ongoing local planning efforts.

## **Section 2. Conducting the Assessment**

### **General Description of the Source Water Quality**

The BLM Burley Administration Site well is a non-community non-transient well that serves approximately 40 people through one connection. The well is located in Cassia County, on the southern side of the City of Burley, at 200 S Oakley Highway (Figure 1).

The main IOC water chemistry issue recorded in the public water system is nitrate, with readings exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}$  the MCL consistently since 1993. Though total coliform bacteria have been detected in the distribution system and the wellhead in 1993, there have been no repeat detections anywhere in the system since then. No VOCs or SOCs have been detected in the well.

County level nitrogen fertilizer use, county level herbicide use, and total county level agricultural chemical use are rated as high for the area. In addition, the delineations fall within a nitrate priority area and an SOC priority area for the pesticide atrazine.

### **Defining the Zones of Contribution – Delineation**

The delineation process establishes the physical area around a well that will become the focal point of the assessment. The process includes mapping the boundaries of the zone of contribution into time-of-travel zones (zones indicating the number of years necessary for a particle of water to reach a well) for water in the aquifer. DEQ used a refined computer model approved by the EPA in determining the time-of-travel (TOT) zones for water associated with the Goose Creek – Golden Valley aquifer in the vicinity of the BLM Burley Administration Site. The computer model used site-specific data, assimilated by DEQ from a variety of sources including local area well logs and hydrogeologic reports summarized below.

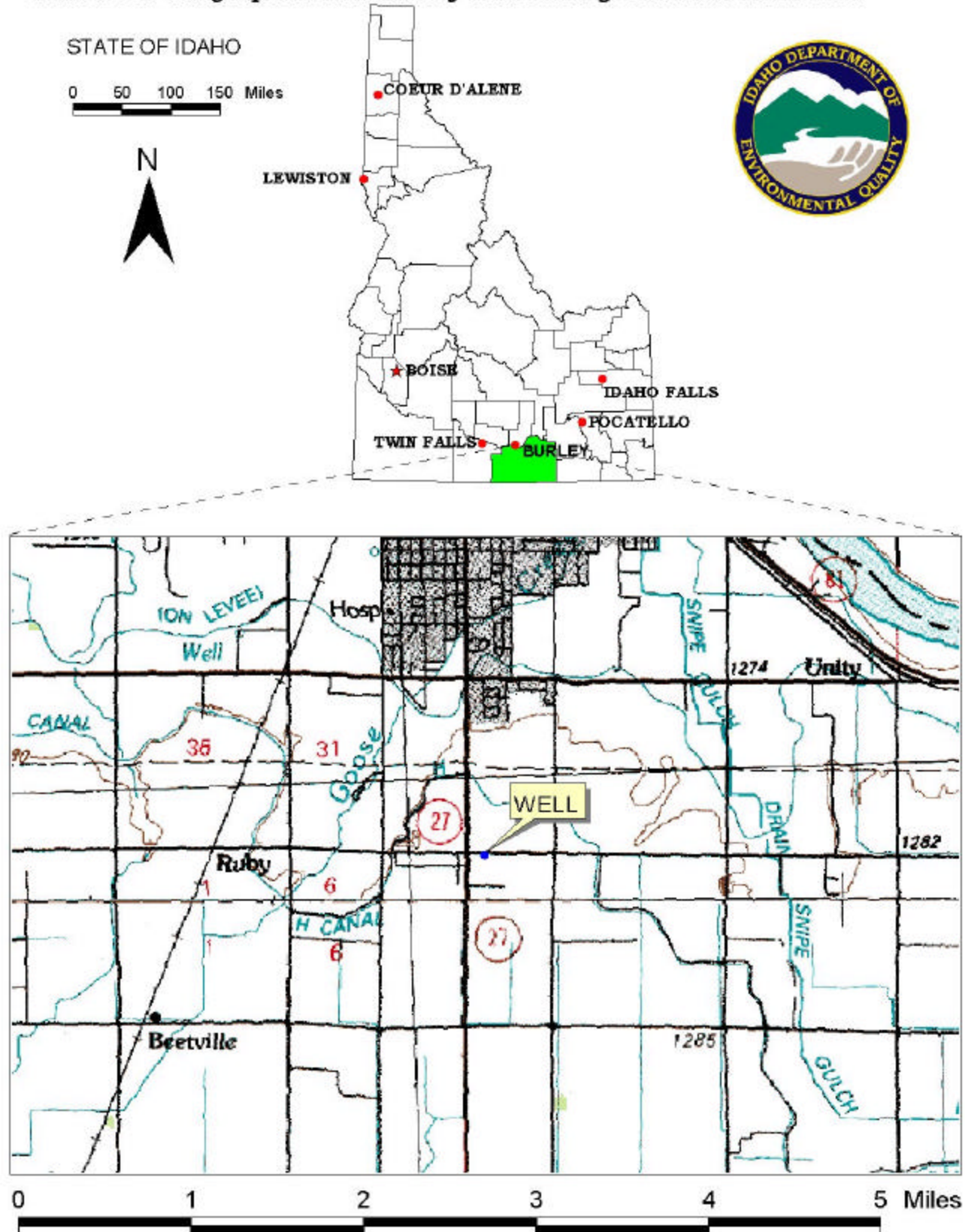
The well extracts water from basalt of the Snake River Group to the northeast and east and possibly the Idavada Volcanics to the south. The Snake River Group consists of basalt flows with thicknesses ranging from a few to several tens of feet. Contacts between the flows and in rubbly zones are the best water producers. The basalt overlies the Idavada Volcanics.

The Idavada Volcanics unit, locally referred to as rhyolite, consists of welded ash and tuff, rhyolite, and some basalt flows. The flows are dense and are commonly reddish-brown, gray, or black. The tuff and ash beds are fine to coarse grained, light colored, and commonly water laden (Crosthwaite, 1969).

Twenty-four years of records since 1964 set the average yearly rainfall in Burley at 8.6 inches (Crosthwaite, 1969). The Albion Range and the fault zone at its base bound the plain on the southeast and the Rock Creek Hills bound the plain on the southwest. The lowland slopes northward from an altitude of about 4,600 feet at Oakley to 4,150 feet at Burley (Crosthwaite, 1969).

The regional Snake River Group basalts to the east and northeast mainly influenced the BLM Burley Administration Site delineation modeling. However, there was also a southerly component of the flow from the fault zone along the Albion Range. Previous modeling (Garabedian, 1992) in the area was used as a guide.

**FIGURE 1. Geographic Location of BLM Burley Administration Site**



The delineated source water assessment area for the BLM Burley Administration Site well can best be described as a pie slice extending east of the well, with a width of 3.5 miles, and a length of about 6 miles (Figure 2). The data used by DEQ in determining the source water assessment delineation areas are available upon request.

### **Identifying Potential Sources of Contamination**

A potential source of contamination is defined as any facility or activity that stores, uses, or produces, as a product or by-product, the contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act and has a sufficient likelihood of releasing such contaminants at levels that could pose a concern relative to drinking water sources. The goal of the inventory process is to locate and describe those facilities, land uses, and environmental conditions that are potential sources of ground water contamination. The locations of potential sources of contamination within the delineation areas were obtained by field surveys conducted by DEQ and the BLM Burley Administration Site and from available databases.

The dominant land use outside the BLM Burley Administration Site area is irrigated agriculture. Land use within the immediate area of the wellhead consists of commercial and light industrial uses, and agricultural. State Highway 81, State Highway 27, and the Eastern Idaho Railroad are major transportation corridors in the area. The Snake River also transects the area.

It is important to understand that a release may never occur from a potential source of contamination provided best management practices are used at the facility. Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal level, state level, or both, to reduce the risk of release. Therefore, when a business, facility, or property is identified as a potential contaminant source, this should not be interpreted to mean that this business, facility, or property is in violation of any local, state, or federal environmental law or regulation. What it does mean is that the potential for contamination exists due to the nature of the business, industry, or operation. There are a number of methods that water systems can use to work cooperatively with potential sources of contamination, such as educational visits and inspections of stored materials. Many owners of such facilities may not even be aware that they are located near a public water supply well.

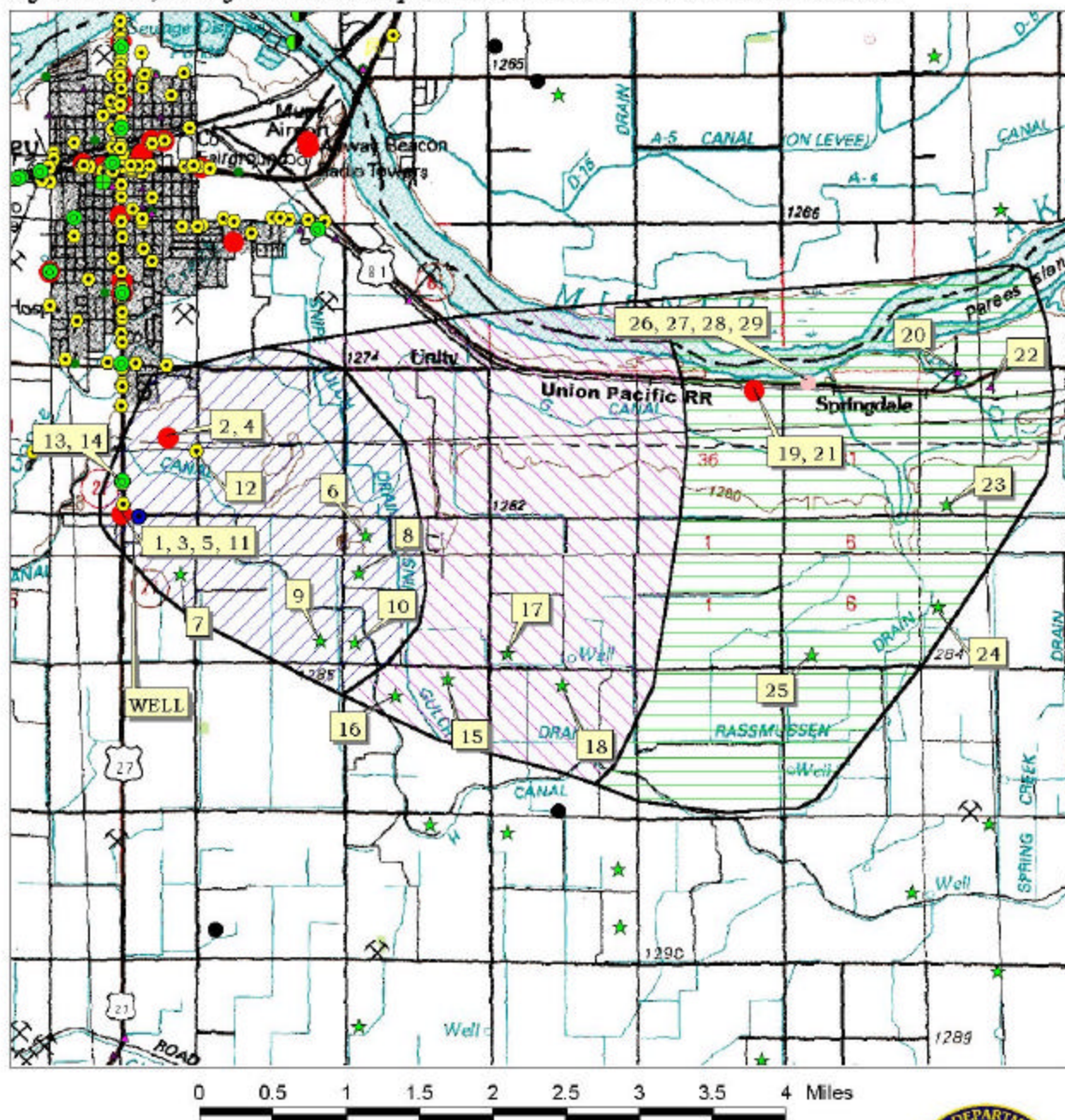
### **Contaminant Source Inventory Process**

A contaminant inventory of the study area was conducted in July and August of 2001. This involved identifying and documenting potential contaminant sources within the BLM Burley Administration Site Source Water Assessment Areas through the use of computer databases and Geographic Information System maps developed by DEQ. Lawrence Burch, the BLM Burley Administration Site Water Operator, confirmed this information.

The delineation (Table 1, Figure 2) has 29 potential point sources. These potential contaminant sources include a leaking underground storage tank (LUST) site, underground storage tank (UST) sites, commercial, industrial, and municipal businesses, sand and gravel pits, dairies, and above ground storage tank (AST) sites. Additionally, there are sites regulated by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA). State Highway 81, State Highway 27, the Eastern Idaho Railroad, and the Snake River are major sources that cross the delineations. If an accidental spill occurred in any of these sources, IOCs, VOCs, SOCs, or microbial contaminants could be added to the aquifer system.



Figure 2. BLM, Burley Delineation Map and Potential Contaminant Source Locations



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**Table 1. BLM Burley Administration Site, Potential Contaminant Inventory**

| Site # | Source Description <sup>1</sup>   | TOT Zone <sup>2</sup><br>(years) | Source of Information | Potential Contaminants <sup>3</sup> |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1, 3   | LUST - Site Cleanup Complete ,<br>Impact: Unknown, UST - open             | 0-3                              | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
| 2, 4   | LUST - Site Cleanup Incomplete ,<br>Impact: Unknown, UST - open           | 0-3                              | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
| 5, 11  | UST – closed; Concrete-Blocks &<br>Shapes-Manufacturing                   | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, VOC, SOC                       |
| 6      | Dairy <=200 cows  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, Microbes                       |
| 7      | Dairy <=200 cows  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, Microbes                       |
| 8      | Dairy <=200 cows  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, Microbes                       |
| 9      | Dairy <=200 cows  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, Microbes                       |
| 10     | Dairy <=200 cows  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, Microbes                       |
| 12     | Weed Control Service  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, VOC, SOC                       |
| 13     | Government-Forestry Service   | 0-3                              | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
| 14     | RCRIS Site  | 0-3                              | Database Search       | IOC, VOC, SOC                       |
|        | State Highway 27  | 0-3                              | GIS Search            | IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes             |
| 15     | Dairy 501-750 cows  | 3-6                              | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 16     | Dairy 1001-2000 cows  | 3-6                              | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 17     | Dairy <=200 cows  | 3-6                              | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 18     | Dairy <=200 cows  | 3-6                              | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 19, 21 | LUST - Site Cleanup Incomplete ,<br>Impact: GROUND WATER, UST -<br>closed | 6-10                             | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
| 20     | UST - open  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
| 22     | UST - open  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | IOC, VOC, SOC                       |
| 23     | Dairy <=200 cows  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 24     | Dairy 201-500 cows  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 25     | Dairy <=200 cows  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | IOC                                 |
| 26, 28 | SARA site, AST  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
| 27, 29 | SARA site, AST  | 6-10                             | Database Search       | VOC, SOC                            |
|        | State Highway 81  | 0-10                             | GIS Map               | IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes             |
|        | Eastern Idaho Railroad  | 0-10                             | GIS Map               | IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes             |
|        | Snake River   | 0-10                             | GIS Map               | IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes             |

<sup>1</sup> LUST = leaking underground storage tank, UST = underground storage tank, SARA = Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, RCRA = Resource Conservation Recovery Act, AST = above ground storage tank

<sup>2</sup> TOT = time-of-travel (in years) for a potential contaminant to reach the wellhead

<sup>3</sup> IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

### Section 3. Susceptibility Analyses

The water system's susceptibility to contamination was ranked as high, moderate, or low risk according to the following considerations: hydrologic characteristics, physical integrity of the well, land use characteristics, and potentially significant contaminant sources. The susceptibility rankings are specific to a particular potential contaminant or category of contaminants. Therefore, a high susceptibility rating relative to one potential contaminant does not mean that the water system is at the same risk for all other potential contaminants. The relative ranking that is derived for each well is a qualitative, screening-level step that, in many cases, uses generalized assumptions and best professional judgement. Attachment A contains the susceptibility analysis worksheet. The following summaries describe the rationale for the susceptibility ranking.

## **Hydrologic Sensitivity**

The hydrologic sensitivity of a well is dependent upon four factors: the surface soil composition, the material in the vadose zone (between the land surface and the water table), the depth to first ground water, and the presence of a 50-foot thick fine-grained zone above the producing zone of the well. Slowly draining soils such as silt and clay typically are more protective of ground water than coarse-grained soils such as sand and gravel. Similarly, fine-grained sediments in the subsurface and a water depth of more than 300 feet protect the ground water from contamination.

The hydrologic sensitivity was low for the well (see Table 2). The poorly drained nature of the soil and the fine-grained clay layers reduce the downward movement of contaminants. Additionally, the vadose zone is composed of a combination of sand, gravel, and clay.

## **Well Construction**

Well construction directly affects the ability of the well to protect the aquifer from contaminants. System construction scores are reduced when information shows that potential contaminants will have a more difficult time reaching the intake of the well. Lower scores imply a system is less vulnerable to contamination. For example, if the well casing and annular seal both extend into a low permeability unit, then the possibility of contamination is reduced and the system construction score goes down. If the highest production interval is more than 100 feet below the water table, then the system is considered to have better buffering capacity. If the wellhead and surface seal are maintained to standards, as outlined in Sanitary Surveys, then contamination down the well bore is less likely. If the well is protected from surface flooding and is outside the 100-year floodplain, then contamination from surface events is reduced.

The BLM Burley Administrative Site drinking water system consists of one well that extracts ground water for business uses. The well rated moderate susceptibility for system construction. The 2000 Sanitary Survey stated that the wellhead and surface seal requirements were being met and that the well was protected from surface flooding.

The well is 220 feet deep and is constructed with 0.250-inch thick, 8 5/8-inch and 6 5/8-inch diameter casing. The surface seal is installed to a depth of 20 feet, using puddling clay, into a gravel layer. The casing is installed to the bottom of the well and is set into fractured 'black lava.' Perforations are installed from 180 feet below ground surface (bgs) to 220 feet bgs. The producing fractured basalt is found between 185 feet bgs and 220 feet bgs. The producing zones are the first location that water is encountered. Though the BLM Burley Administrative Site well may have met construction standards at the time of its installation, current well construction standards are stricter.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources *Well Construction Standards Rules* (1993) require all Public Water Systems (PWSs) to follow DEQ standards as well. IDAPA 58.01.08.550 requires that PWSs follow the *Recommended Standards for Water Works* (1997) during construction. Some of the requirements include casing thickness, well tests, and depth and formation type that the surface seal must be installed into. Table 1 of the *Recommended Standards for Water Works* (1997) lists the required steel casing thickness for various diameter wells. Eight-inch diameter wells require a casing thickness of at least 0.322-inches. Well tests are required at the design pumping rate for 24 hours or until stabilized drawdown has continued for at least six hours when pumping at 1.5 times the design pumping rate. The BLM Burley Administration Site well received an additional point in the system construction category because it does not meet current well construction standards, although they may have at time of construction.

### Potential Contaminant Source and Land Use

The well rated high for IOC (e.g. arsenic, nitrate), VOCs (e.g. petroleum products), SOC (e.g. pesticides), and microbial contaminants (e.g. bacteria). The large number of agricultural potential contaminant sites, as well as the local transportation corridors and the irrigated agricultural land contributed the largest numbers of points to the contaminant inventory rating. County level nitrogen fertilizer use, county level herbicide use, and total county level agricultural chemical use are rated as high. In addition, the delineations fall within a nitrate priority area and an SOC priority area for the pesticide atrazine.

### Final Susceptibility Rating

An IOC detection above a drinking water standard MCL, any detection of a VOC or SOC, sources within 50 feet of the wellhead, or a detection of total coliform bacteria or fecal coliform bacteria at the wellhead will automatically give a high susceptibility rating to a well, despite the land use of the area, because a pathway for contamination already exists. In this case, the well rated automatically high for IOC and microbial contaminants due to being approximately 10 feet west of an adjoining agricultural field. Hydrologic sensitivity and system construction scores are heavily weighted in the final scores. Having multiple potential contaminant sources in the 0- to 3-year time-of-travel zone (Zone 1B) and much agricultural land contribute greatly to the overall ranking. In terms of total susceptibility, the well rated moderate susceptibility, except as noted above.

**Table 2. Summary of the BLM Burley Administration Site Susceptibility Evaluation**

| Source | Susceptibility Scores <sup>1</sup> |                       |     |     |            |                     |                              |     |     |            |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|------------|
|        | Hydrologic Sensitivity             | Contaminant Inventory |     |     |            | System Construction | Final Susceptibility Ranking |     |     |            |
|        |                                    | IOC                   | VOC | SOC | Microbials |                     | IOC                          | VOC | SOC | Microbials |
| Well   | L                                  | H                     | H   | H   | H          | M                   | H*                           | M   | M   | H*         |

<sup>1</sup>H = High Susceptibility, M = Moderate Susceptibility, L = Low Susceptibility

IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

H\* = well rates automatically high because of potential sources within 50 feet of the wellhead

## **Susceptibility Summary**

In terms of total susceptibility, the well rated high for IOCs and microbials and moderate for VOCs and SOCs. However, if the well could be provided a 50 foot buffer related to the nearby agricultural field, then the well would rate moderate susceptibility for all categories of contaminants. Multiple agricultural land uses, high county wide nitrogen fertilizer use, high county wide herbicide use, State Highway 81, State Highway 27, the Eastern Idaho Railroad, and the Snake River contributed the most land use points to the susceptibility rating. Low hydrologic sensitivity and moderate system construction scores also contributed to the overall scores.

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## **Section 4. Options for Drinking Water Protection**

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An effective drinking water protection program is tailored to the particular local drinking water protection area. A community with a fully developed drinking water protection program will incorporate many strategies, be they regulatory in nature (i.e. zoning, permitting) or non-regulatory in nature (i.e. good housekeeping, public education, specific best management practices). For the BLM Burley Administration Site, drinking water protection activities should first focus on protecting the wellhead and surface seal from contamination sources within 50 feet of the source, especially those associated with the agricultural field. Any spills from the potential contaminant sources listed in Table 1 should be carefully monitored, as should any future development in the delineated areas. The BLM Burley Administration Site should be aware of the levels of nitrate in their water as they are approaching the MCL. Practices aimed at reducing the leaching of agricultural chemicals from agricultural land within the designated source water areas should be implemented. Most of the designated areas are outside the direct jurisdiction of the BLM Burley Administration Site. Partnerships with state and local agencies and industry groups should be established and are critical to success.

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### **Assistance**

Public water suppliers and others may call the following DEQ offices with questions about this assessment and to request assistance with developing and implementing a local protection plan. In addition, draft protection plans may be submitted to the DEQ office for preliminary review and comments.

Twin Falls Regional DEQ Office (208) 736-2190

State DEQ Office (208) 373-0502

Website: <http://www.deq.state.id.us>

Water suppliers serving fewer than 10,000 persons may contact Ms. Melinda Harper, Idaho Rural Water Association, at 1-208-343-7001 or <mailto:mlharper@idahoruralwater.com> for assistance with drinking water protection (formerly wellhead protection) strategies.



## POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT INVENTORY

### LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

**AST (Aboveground Storage Tanks)** – Sites with aboveground storage tanks.

**Business Mailing List** – This list contains potential contaminant sites identified through a yellow pages database search of standard industry codes (SIC).

**CERCLIS** – This includes sites considered for listing under the **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**. CERCLA, more commonly known as Superfund, is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites that are on the national priority list (NPL).

**Cyanide Site** – DEQ permitted and known historical sites/facilities using cyanide.

**Dairy** – Sites included in the primary contaminant source inventory represent those facilities regulated by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and may range from a few head to several thousand head of milking cows.

**Deep Injection Well** – Injection wells regulated under the Idaho Department of Water Resources generally for the disposal of stormwater runoff or agricultural field drainage.

**Enhanced Inventory** – Enhanced inventory locations are potential contaminant source sites added by the water system. These can include new sites not captured during the primary contaminant inventory, or corrected locations for sites not properly located during the primary contaminant inventory. Enhanced inventory sites can also include miscellaneous sites added by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during the primary contaminant inventory.

**Floodplain** – This is a coverage of the 100-year floodplains.

**Group 1 Sites** – These are sites that show elevated levels of contaminants and are not within the priority one areas.

**Inorganic Priority Area** – Priority one areas where greater than 25% of the wells/springs show constituents higher than primary standards or other health standards.

**Landfill** – Areas of open and closed municipal and non-municipal landfills.

**LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank)** – Potential contaminant source sites associated with leaking underground storage tanks as regulated under RCRA.

**Mines and Quarries** – Mines and quarries permitted through the Idaho Department of Lands.

**Nitrate Priority Area** – Area where greater than 25% of wells/springs show nitrate values above 5mg/l.

**NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)** – Sites with NPDES permits. The Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of a pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source must be authorized by an NPDES permit.

**Organic Priority Areas** – These are any areas where greater than 25 % of wells/springs show levels greater than 1% of the primary standard or other health standards.

**Recharge Point** – This includes active, proposed, and possible recharge sites on the Snake River Plain.

**RICRIS** – Site regulated under **Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)**. RCRA is commonly associated with the cradle to grave management approach for generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

**SARA Tier II (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Tier II Facilities)** – These sites store certain types and amounts of hazardous materials and must be identified under the Community Right to Know Act.

**Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)** – The toxic release inventory list was developed as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (Community Right to Know) Act passed in 1986. The Community Right to Know Act requires the reporting of any release of a chemical found on the TRI list.

**UST (Underground Storage Tank)** – Potential contaminant source sites associated with underground storage tanks regulated as regulated under RCRA.

**Wastewater Land Applications Sites** – These are areas where the land application of municipal or industrial wastewater is permitted by DEQ.

**Wellheads** – These are drinking water well locations regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. They are not treated as potential contaminant sources.

**NOTE:** Many of the potential contaminant sources were located using a geocoding program where mailing addresses are used to locate a facility. Field verification of potential contaminant sources is an important element of an enhanced inventory.

Where possible, a list of potential contaminant sites unable to be located with geocoding will be provided to water systems to determine if the potential contaminant sources are located within the source water assessment area.

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## Attachment A

# BLM Burley Administration Site Susceptibility Analysis Worksheet

The final scores for the susceptibility analysis were determined using the following formulas:

- 1) VOC/SOC/IOC Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.2)
- 2) Microbial Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.35)

Final Susceptibility Scoring:

0 - 5    Low Susceptibility

6 - 12   Moderate Susceptibility

≥ 13    High Susceptibility

## Ground Water Susceptibility Report

Public Water System Name :

BLM BURLEY ADMINISTRATION SITE

Well# : WELL

Public Water System Number 5160004

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|  |                    |           |           |           |                 |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. System Construction   |                    | SCORE     |           |           |                 |
| Drill Date   | 05/15/1992         |           |           |           |                 |
| Driller Log Available  | YES                |           |           |           |                 |
| Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)         | YES                | 1993      |           |           |                 |
| Well meets IDWR construction standards                         | NO                 | 1         |           |           |                 |
| Wellhead and surface seal maintained                           | YES                | 0         |           |           |                 |
| Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit        | NO                 | 2         |           |           |                 |
| Highest production 100 feet below static water level           | NO                 | 1         |           |           |                 |
| Well located outside the 100 year flood plain                  | YES                | 0         |           |           |                 |
| Total System Construction Score                                |                    | 4         |           |           |                 |
| 2. Hydrologic Sensitivity                                      |                    |           |           |           |                 |
| Soils are poorly to moderately drained                         | YES                | 0         |           |           |                 |
| Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown      | NO                 | 0         |           |           |                 |
| Depth to first water > 300 feet                                | NO                 | 1         |           |           |                 |
| Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness           | YES                | 0         |           |           |                 |
| Total Hydrologic Score   |                    | 1         |           |           |                 |
| 3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A                  |                    | IOC Score | VOC Score | SOC Score | Microbial Score |
| Land Use Zone 1A   | IRRIGATED CROPLAND | 2         | 2         | 2         | 2               |
| Farm chemical use high   | YES                | 2         | 0         | 2         |                 |
| IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A                 | YES                | YES       | NO        | NO        | YES             |
| Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A    |                    | 4         | 2         | 4         | 2               |
| Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B                     |                    |           |           |           |                 |
| Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)                | YES                | 11        | 9         | 9         | 8               |
| (Score = # Sources X 2 ) 8 Points Maximum                      |                    | 8         | 8         | 8         | 8               |
| Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or          | YES                | 10        | 6         | 4         |                 |
| 4 Points Maximum   |                    | 4         | 4         | 4         |                 |
| Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area                  | YES                | 2         | 0         | 2         | 0               |
| Land use Zone 1B Greater Than 50% Irrigated Agricultural Land  |                    | 4         | 4         | 4         | 4               |
| Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B  |                    | 18        | 16        | 18        | 12              |
| Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II                     |                    |           |           |           |                 |
| Contaminant Sources Present                                    | YES                | 2         | 2         | 2         |                 |
| Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or          | YES                | 1         | 1         | 1         |                 |
| Land Use Zone II Greater Than 50% Irrigated Agricultural Land  |                    | 2         | 2         | 2         |                 |
| Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II        |                    | 5         | 5         | 5         | 0               |
| Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III                    |                    |           |           |           |                 |
| Contaminant Source Present                                     | YES                | 1         | 1         | 1         |                 |
| Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or          | YES                | 1         | 1         | 1         |                 |
| Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of     | YES                | 1         | 1         | 1         |                 |
| Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III |                    | 3         | 3         | 3         | 0               |
| Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score              |                    | 30        | 26        | 30        | 14              |
| 4. Final Susceptibility Source Score                           |                    | 11        | 10        | 11        | 10              |
| 5. Final Well Ranking  |                    | High      | Moderate  | Moderate  | High            |